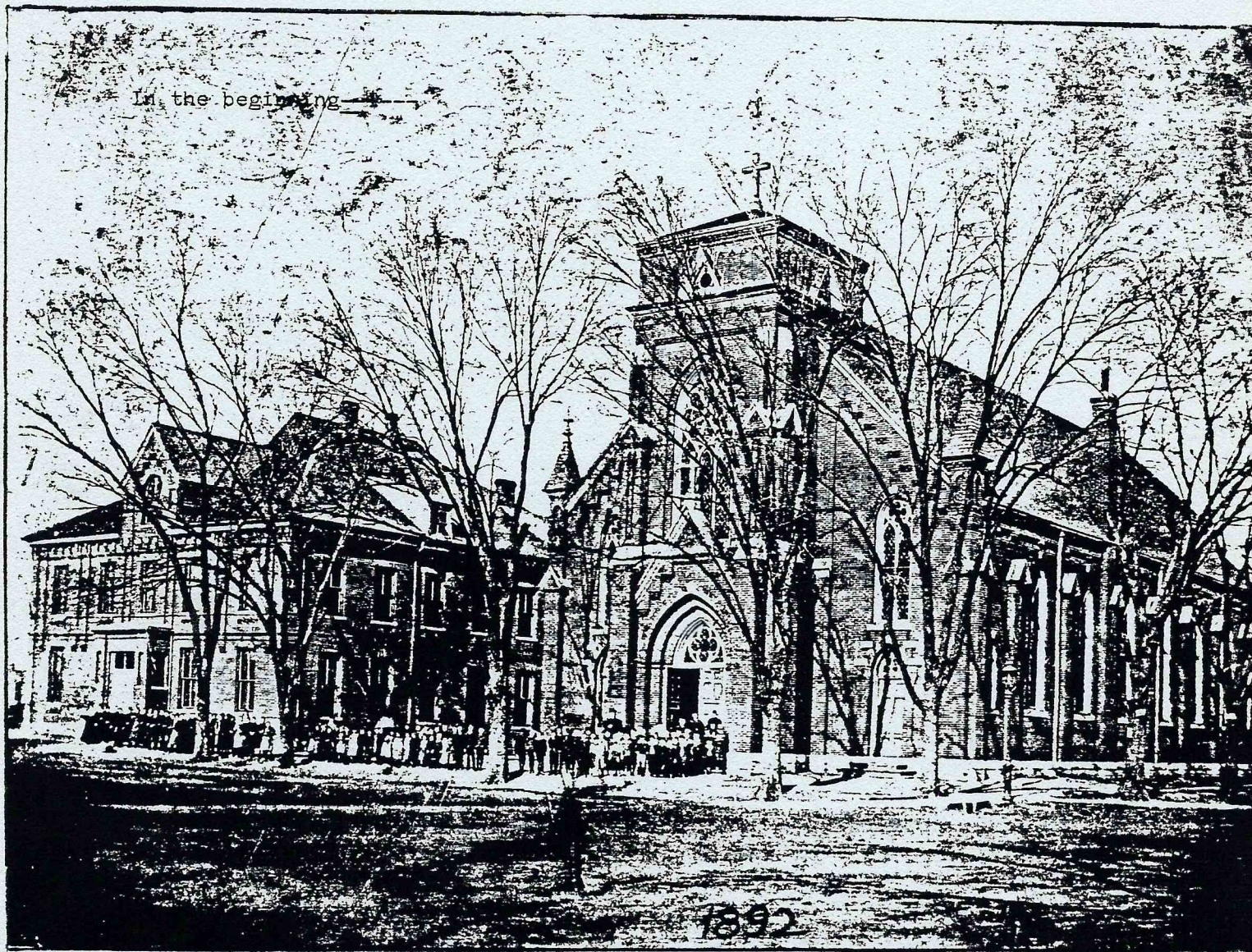


# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH DU QUOIN, ILLINOIS

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## INTRODUCTION

After having researched and compiled several pages of Sacred Heart Church history for another project, I realized I was dissatisfied with the results. For one thing, I could not accurately locate the first church. It appeared one place as "at the edge of the prairie, near a Locust grove", another reference gave Walnut and Perry streets, and the Church directory, shown each week in the old Du Quoin Tribune of the 1870's, gave Hickory Street.

An ancient atlas was given to the Perry County Historical Society president, Mike Francois, and after he had looked at it, he told me there was something of interest for me on the Du Quoin plat. There, as plain as day, was 'Catholic Church' on a plot on Perry Street, so that it could have been described as either Hickory or Walnut and would have definitely been prairie and locust grove in 1866. The greatest surprise was the name, in large flowing script on the fly leaf--Rev. C. J. Eschmann. A bit unusual, to say the least. The old church was located and verified by the records at the Perry County Courthouse.

I had locations, buildings, years and the priests who had guided the parish, but I was still not satisfied with the work and could not tell what was wrong. One day I thought of the child's game of putting their hands together and saying, "Here's the church, here's the steeple, open the door and here's the people." That was my problem, the people. But that would take years of research, catching up on approximately 80 years of information--impossible!

And then came Hilda! Hilda Schneider, who for years had been collecting information. She volunteered to share her research. Out came the clippings, the notebooks, the pictures, the mementos of years and years, and there were the people. She would supply the information and I would compile and prepare it.

So, together, we offer this history of our parish, it's events, it's organizations, it's people. With all of the writing necessary to compile this information from Hilda's notes, my own questionable typing and the human ability to make errors, we will undoubtedly have some mistakes. Hopefully, these will be few.

May you enjoy this history of Sacred Heart Parish as much as we have enjoyed it. God Bless.



## SACRED HEART CHURCH of DU QUOIN, ILLINOIS

It is usually said that Chief Jean Baptiste Du Quoin was probably the first Catholic in this area. It was in 1719, when the Kaskaskia Indians moved into the "American Bottom" near present day Kaskaskia. As of 1750, there were approximately 600 Kaskaskias at this location. The settlement of Kaskaskia in 1766 had a church, the Jesuits' home and about 65 families. Doubtless the majority of the Indians had been converted. It is not known when the Kaskaskias began to keep a winter hunting camp in the Old Du Quoin area but it is probable that many of those who accompanied Chief Jean Baptiste to the winter hunting grounds were also Catholic.

There was very little church organization until about the 1850's. The Catholics met in homes, but many had never seen a priest, let alone attended mass. The first mass was said at the home of Michael Bradley, by Father Cusack of Vandalia. A marble topped three drawer chest served as the altar. After the mass a child, John Bradley, was baptised, making him the first to receive that sacrament in Perry County. From 1857 to 1866, masses were said every three or four months in the homes of Michael Bradley, Henry Horn, John Bradley, Dr. O'Rielly, Timothy Kelly, Mr. Day and Mr. Molter. Father Cusack was followed by Father Lambert, who served the small congregation until 1861. Father Lambert quite frequently celebrated mass at Henry Horn's house which stood on the same lot that afterward became the property of the congregation. Father Mark served the next two years and was followed by Father Vahey who served until 1865. The Sacred Heart of Jesus congregation was formed in 1863.

By 1866, Father Walshe was saying mass about every two months to 25 families when it was decided to build a church. At a meeting in the home of Nicholas Kigert, a committee was formed with members Henry Horn, James Hartigan, J. J. Higgins, Nicholas Kigert and Owen Reddington.

The following information for the land where the first Catholic Church was located in the Du Quoin area was taken from the Pinckneyville Courthouse records and from Roe Abstract Company.

July 26, 1866: warrenty deed from Illinois Central Iron and Coal Mining Company to Bishop H. D. Junckers, lots 1 and 2, Block 7, St. John Addition, 300 X 80 feet, no dollars. (From Deed Record Book U, Page 93.)

(Same land) From Bishop Junckers, who owned and wills to Rt. Rev. Peter Richard Kenrick, Archbishop of Diocese of St. Louis, in trust for Diocese of Alton. Will proven in Madison County, Ill., filed in Perry County, Ill. (Book

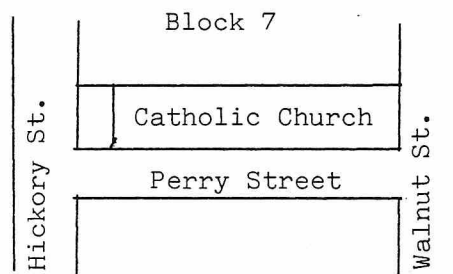


Record Y, Page 235.)

(Same land) Quit claim deed from Bishop Kenrick, to Rt. Rev. Peter Joseph Baltes, Bishop of Alton, Jan. 11, 1871. (Deed Record Y, Page 237.)

(Same land) From Rt. Rev. Peter Joseph Baltes, Bishop of Alton, to Roman Catholic Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Feb. 20, 1871. (Deed Record W, Page 528.)

A small portion of the west side of the strip of land, approximately forty feet, was not the property of the Catholic Church.



The October 31, 1867, Tribune stated "We have also been shown the articles of agreement for the erection of a new Catholic Church in the city. The building will be of brick, solid stone foundation, 40 by 50 feet, with Gothic doors and front windows. The probable cost will be, when completed, some \$4000."

Tragedy struck the venture, for on January 2, 1868, the newspaper carried this item. "Blown down.--The south wall of the new Catholic Church, was blown down during Christmas day. Under the circumstances, the misfortune is quite serious, as it was the cause of delay in getting the roof on the building."

The new church was dedicated on April 19, 1868, in an imposing ceremony. Father Walsh, of Vandalia, assisted by the Centralia choir, performed the dedication service.

Early in December, 1870, the City Council ordered a slack sidewalk to be put down on the west side of Walnut street, to begin at the end of the existing plank sidewalk and extend to the Catholic Church on the north side of Perry street.

Mr. F. L. Sanford, a railroad section foreman, would haul Father Klocke on a railroad handcar to Tamaroa whenever it was necessary. Father Klocke would spend the night at the Sanford home and then travel back to Du Quoin by handcar.



Bishop Yuncker of Alton visited the parish in May, 1868 and in September of that year Father Charles Klocke was appointed pastor of the parish. He began improvements by having seats installed and plastering the interior of the building. A house previously owned by Henry Horn became the rectory. It and another small house had been purchased for \$6,500. The rectory was large enough to allow Father Klocke to set up a school room for about eight students. This soon proved too small and the school was moved to the small house where John Masquelet taught for five years.

In November of 1872, it was announced that the Catholic Church was putting up a fine two story school building on West Main street, 40 x 24 feet. Twenty years later it was torn down and the present school was built.

The number of members grew to the extent that a division was necessary in 1871. A chapel was built at Todds Mill and St. Mary Magdalin's established. Pinckneyville became St. Bruno's and built their church in 1874. It was served by Father Klocke until the arrival of Father Riesen in 1878, who was followed in about a year by Father Ader.

The Du Quoin parish purchased land for a 40 acre cemetery in 1874. Due to several bad years, the farmers of the congregation were in dire financial straits and this put the church in a serious financial position also. One of the members, Henry Horn, generously donated \$9000.00 which put the three hundred family parish back on it's feet. Mr. Horn established a bank in 1877. Father Klocke opened a school for young men in the evenings, after Jan. 1, 1875, with classes in penmanship, grammar, U. S. history, geography, etc.

In 1882 the St. Anne's Altar Society was organized. Mrs. Christina Horn was the first president.

The thin walled brick church, which sat on the open prairie near a locust grove, was severely damaged by a storm and plans were made to build a new church. This one would be in down town Du Quoin. When the first church was built in 1867 St. Johns and Du Quoin were not too different in size. But in the next 21 years Du Quoin had greatly outdistanced the neighboring settlement in growth.

The purchase of the new site is recorded as: Nov. 3, 1870, from Henry Horn and wife, Mary, for \$6,500. all lots numbered 5, 6, 7, and 8, in Block 4, Railroad Addition, excepting a parcel fronting 45 feet on Main and running back 90 feet, being a part of lots 7 and 8. (Book Y, Page 180.)

While the new church was being erected, services were held in a store building. Adolph Schneider recalled how the lime was slacked in a huge hole west of the site. Lime was put in a wooden box in the hole, cold water was added and the concoction was stirred until it quit boiling, which might be



three or four hours. The logs for the columns in the church were hauled by Edward Eisenhauer, Sr. and George G. Schneider. These men would get up very early in the morning and take their teams and wagons to Du Quoin, where they would get logs and haul them to Vergennes to be sawed into suitable form. This trip took a very, long time. Many, many other parishioners gave their time, labor, money and love for this fine building, which has been referred to as "the Cathedral of Southern Illinois."

A farewell mass was said at the old church at 8 A.M. on Nov. 4, 1890. The sermon was by Vicar General Cluse in Italian and by Rev. Mierzowski, O. F. M., in Polish. A procession was formed and made it's way (about one mile) to the new church. The dedication started at 10 A.M., followed by a Pontifical High Mass in both English and German.

Two large stoves, such as those found in railway stations, heated the main body of the church. A smaller woodburning stove was in the sacristy. The altars were of highly polished wood. The pews had been handmade by men of the congregation.

The old school was torn down in 1892. It was replaced by the present one and nuns came at that time to teach the young. The new school had a kitchen, a storage room and indoor toilet facilities.

From this point, happenings will be in year reference.

Prior to the formation of the Du Quoin Council of the Knights of Columbus, men wishing to join, had to go to another area.

#### 1905

Nine men went to Centralia to receive K. of C. degrees. They were Frank Horn, P. J. Conaty, William J. Grant, F. J. Schleper, Frank J. Purtill, H. E. Sanford, J. C. Sanford, Charles Rogers and W. P. Bates. (These men formed the nucleus for the future Du Quoin Council.)

#### 1906

Nine more men went to Centralia in September to enlarge the nucleus-- Jacob Sanford, M. J. Durkin, Adam Berg, John Geneisio, J. P. Bradley, William Geiger. Sr. Henry J. Schleper, Anthony H. Schleper and D. J. Bradley.

The first Catholic Church was built in Tamaroa.

Officers of the Ladies Society: Mrs. Leonard Knapp, President; Mrs. F.J. Schleper, Jr., Secretary; and Mrs. Frank Horn, Treasurer.

#### Jan. 1907

Sister Mary Charles, School Sisters of Notre Dame of the St. Louis convent, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Knetzger. (These parents donated the small "Joseph" bell to Sacred Heart Church.)



Aug. 10, 1907

Rev. Cyril N. Haffner ordained. (He later would spend many years at Du Quoin.)

Mar. 3, 1908

The first meeting and election of officers of the K. of C. Du Quoin Council # 1298. Officers were elected as follows: Chaplain, Rev. Klocke; Grand Knight, Frank Horn, Sr.; Deputy Grand Knight, Frank J. Schleper, Sr.; Chancellor, Rev. August Hunnewinkel; Recording Secretary, G. H. Knetzger; Financial Secretary, C. J. Eichorn; Treasurer, Jacob Sanford; Lecturer, Frank J. Purtil; Advocate, W. J. Grant; Warden, John Kern; Inside Guard, John McCabe; Outside Guard, William Geiger, Sr.; Trustees, W. M. Bates, Frank Sanford and August Stein.

Mar. 1908

In March, the dedication ceremony of the Baptism of New Bells was held. The three large bells were cast by the H. McShane Bell Foundry Company in Baltimore, Maryland. The largest of the bells was baptised "Jesus", the next size was baptised "Mary" and the least one was baptised "Joseph." Thus, the Holy Family is honored each time the bells ring. The large bell weighs approximately 2,500 pounds, the next, approximately 2,000 pounds and the smallest, approximately 1,500 pounds. For several years, a young man, Victor Ritter, helped ring these bells. Later, in 1953, a bell ringer suddenly quit and Ritter was asked to help out on a temporary basis. "Vic", as he was known by most, was temporary for 29 years. The entire family, including his wife, Louella, and children, Carl, Barbara and Victor, became bell ringers also. The bells had to be rung for the 6 A.M., 12 noon and 6 P.M. Angelus, plus masses, weddings and funerals. Needless to say this schedule kept the Ritters close to home, or church, most of the time. At times, when all three bells had to be rung, Louella would ring the large bell while the other two were rung by Vic. Ringing bells is not an easy task. The 90 foot ropes might break, the bell might turn completely over, wrapping it's rope and then when one tried to stop at the correct number of rings it would pull the ringer up off the floor. An electronic bell ringing system was installed in 1982. Victor Ritter died three years later.

The K. of C. assisted in the Baptism of the New Bells. The dedication was by Bishop John J. Jansen, assisted by Rev. C. J. Eschmann of Prairie Du Rocher, Rev. K. Schauerte of Murphysboro and local priests, Rev. Klocke and Rev. August Hunnewinkle. Shortly after this Rev. Hunnewinkle went to Elizabethtown.

Aug. 1909

Clara Stein, daughter of Andrew and Catherine Kern Stein, entered the order

of S. S. N. D.

Feb. 9, 1911

Father Klocke died after 43 years of service to the Du Quoin Parish. He was succeeded by Father C. J. Eschmann, who remained for 11 years.

1914-1918

World War I, Sacred Heart Parish had 50 men in the service.

April 21, 1919

As a surprise for Father Eschmann, in commemoration of his 30 years in the priesthood, he was presented with a purse of \$1,080. After expressing his thanks, he announced he would donate it and with other funds purchase a \$2,500. organ, which was greatly needed. Under his supervision, a marble communion rail, the new organ and a new altar were added to the church.

April 23, 1922

Father Eschmann's last Sunday at Sacred Heart Church. In his honor, the Sacred Heart choir, assisted by other talent, presented a farewell service in the evening, beginning with a program by the Majestic Orchestra.

Father C. N. Haffner was installed as the new pastor.

June 4, 1922

Commencement exercises of Sacred Heart Parochial School to be held at the Majestic. (Apparently the Majestic Opera House was used for several years, as references are also found in 1927 and 1928 as the place of commencement exercises.)

1924

New rectory is finished.

Sept. 1924

Reverend Albert R. Zuroweste was ordained to the priesthood.

June 16, 1926

Rev. John Bergmann, a native son of Du Quoin, was ordained.

1927

Lightening struck and damaged the church tower during a severe storm. Repairs and renovations cost \$12,000. There were new stations of the cross, the pews were revarnished, altars and statues were repainted, the aisles were covered with battleship linoleum and new stained glass windows depicting the life of Christ, donated by various societies and individual families. Despite depressing conditions in the coal fields, almost all of the cost was met.

June, 1928

Commencement exercises of Sacred Heart School at the Majestic Opera House. The students put on a three act play, "Lighthouse Nan."



**2:00 P. M.**

S. H. S. Orchestra .....	"America First and Last"
Salutatory .....	C. Knetzger
What Is In the Basket .....	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade girls
Hatchet Drill .....	1st, 2nd and 3rd grade boys
Wand Drill .....	3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys
Combination Drill .....	5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys
Patriotic Flowers and Flags .....	3rd commercial grade girls
Songs and Tableaux	
Orchestra .....	Selected

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Skinflint .....	Henry Miller
Ray Worker .....	Elmer Woll
Wizard .....	Bennett Kimmel
Claude Moneybags .....	Frank Schleper
Sam Ching .....	Jack Manzo
Jacob Straus .....	Charles Huelsman
Julius Caesar Wellington .....	Frank Roznowski
Patrick Flycop .....	Albert Kern
Judge .....	Anton Berg
Secretary .....	Frank Koerner
Hon. C. Grandiloquent .....	Charles Knetzger
Hon. Thaddeus Objectioneer .....	John Reminger
Orchestra .....	Selected
School Chorus .....	"Up and Away"
Orchestra .....	Selected
Valedictory .....	Helen Royster

Distribution of the Honors by the Reverend Pastor

GRADUATES—COMMÉRCIAL

Elbert Catanzaro	Emma Martin
Joseph Davison	Lorena Reminger
Louise Krotchen	Gladys Thimmig
Marguerite Fritz	Anna Stiens

## EIGHTH GRADE

William Bryant  
Bennett, Kimmel  
Charles Knetzger  
Jack Manzo  
Frank Schleper  
Marie Bosetto  
Clara Kern  
Ruth Roper  
Helen Royster  
Elizabeth Seibert  
Elmer Woll

Feb. 1929

Sister M. Cajetan, Mary Steins, entered Candidature of S. S. N. D. She is the daughter of George and Julia Rosenberger Steins. (In Aug. 1931 she took her first vows.)

Dec. 1934

Mrs. Anna Reis Knetzger died in Peoria. She had married Charles Knetzger in 1891 and lived in Du Quoin, where he was a cashier in Henry Horn's bank. She was a native of Belleville, the daughter of Val Reis, whose company erected the present Catholic Church.

1935

Emlia Louisa, daughter of Cosimo and Lucy Vettese, entered the St. Louis Motherhouse for School Sisters of Notre Dame.

1935

Plans were made for a new furnace and to reinforce floors.

1936

New addition was made to the north end of the school. It included a kitchen for parish use, a storage room and restroom.

Dec. 1936

Clem Dirler, theological student at St. Henry's Seminary in Belleville, spent the holidays with his mother.

May 25, 1937

Rev. Charles J. Eschmann died. He was born Jan. 11, 1862, in Belleville, Illinois. He attended St. Joseph's college in Teutopolis. He then went to Innsbruck, Austria to study. His death was in Waterloo, Illinois.

Mar. 1940

Venerable Sister Ignatius returned to Freeburg, where she is on the Notre Dame teaching staff. She will be remembered by Du Quoin friends as the former Miss Louisa Koerner.

June 6, 1943

Rev. Clement Dirler, a native son, said his first mass at Sacred Heart Church. Rev. Haffner said it was gratifying that this ordination should occur in this year, the 75th anniversary of Sacred Heart Church. Rev. Dirler was born in Du Quoin, June 24, 1917, a graduate of Sacred Heart school and Du Quoin Township High School. He attended St. Henry's Seminary in Belleville and St. Meinrads Seminary in Meinrad, Ind. His parents were Clement and Kate Berg Dirler.

Nov. 11, 1945

Memorial Stone at the cemetery dedicated in memory of all war veterans, erected by the Knights of Columbus, #1298.



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Feb. 17, 1946

Meeting of parishioners to discuss a new recreational building.

May 1946

Louise Schubert, daughter of Joseph and Theresa Stein Schubert, entered the aspiranture as Sister M. Andrea.

Aug. 2, 1946

Schleper building on northeast corner of Main and Walnut, which housed one of Du Quoin's oldest grocery stores had been sold. The Schleper Brothers Grocery had operated continually for 67 years, 1879-1946. Many early parishioners traded there bringing produce from their farms and trading for their needs of buying outright. This store was also very convenient for the Sisters.

March, 1947

Death of Bishop Henry Althoff.

Jan. 23, 1947

Rev. Clement Dirler presided at an open meeting to make plans for Rev. C. N. Haffner's Silver Jubilee as a pastor of this parish. Victor Ritter was appointed chairman of a 19 member committee to form plans for the celebration to be held May 21, 1947.

May 21, 1947

At Rev. Haffner's Silver Jubilee, he was presented with a new automobile, a fine watch and a purse of \$1300.

Nov. 1947

Rev. Haffner hospitalized after a fall by a radiator from which he received a badly burned arm.

Dec. 1947

Students of Sacred Heart school sang carols before a nativity scene on the church lawn. There were about twenty statues of twenty inch height set in front of a large background. This lighted scene was protected from the elements by a tent.

Jan. 29, 1948

Rev. Albert Zuroweste was consecrated as the Bishop of Belleville Diocese.

April 18, 1948

Catholic Daughters of America # 795 celebrated it's silver anniversary at a 7:30 A.M. mass. At a banquet that evening the following charter members were guests: Misses Louisa Mann, Tillie Eisenhauer, Gertrude Sheehan, Anna Schleper, Mesdames Kate Dirler, Catherine Thill, Margaret Hanlin, Clara Huelsman, Ida Mann, Lillian Hemmer, Gertrude Sanford and Josephine Eichhorn.



May 2, 1948

Bishop Zuroweste made his first episcopal visit to Du Quoin and confirmed a class of 140 children and adults.

Jan. 6, 1949

Sewing Circle Officers: President, Catherine Hemmer; Vice President, Mary Schneider; Secretary, Aurelia Emling; Treasurer, Leona Campbell.

May, 1949

Rev. Haffner honored by His Holiness Pope Pius XII with appointment as a Domestic prelate with the title of Rt. Rev. The title is one of distinction given in acknowledgement of special work for the church.

May 20, 1949

Golf ball sized hail pelted Du Quoin causing holes in roofs, breaking windows and ruining gardens. Thill's greenhouse on N. Washington had approximately 1500 glass panes broken.

Aug. 17, 1950

Annual Chicken Fry cleared \$1986.45. The Sewing Circle had donated a cedar chest filled with useful articles, also an appliqued quilt.

May 18, 1952

Catholic Daughters of America inducted 35 new members. 157 members and guests were welcomed by Mayor Victor Ritter, Mrs. J. Eichhorn was toastmistress. Mary M. Schneider, the Grand Regent, was assisted by the District Deputy, Miss Anna Marie Lunnemann.

June 6, 1952

The Du Quoin Chapter of the National Council of Catholic Women observed it's Silver Anniversary with a banquet at the Elk's Country Club. There were 46 members present. The first nine are charter members--Mesdames Winfred Schleper, Lillian Hemmer, A. M. Mathis, Lottie Kelly, W. W. Parks, Ethel Sanford, Kathryn Rogers, Marie Maynavich, Edythe Schleper. Others were Florence Rees, Mary Jasecko, Catherine Rodman, Lula Koerner, Cele Knetzger, Mildred Schneider, Lois Eisenhauer, Marjorie Feller, Irene Stanton, Kay Porter, Bernice Baumeier, Jerry Ritter, Rose Marie Dirler, Lena Kezely, Lucille Neal, Beatrice Yehling, Mary Frances Schleper, Doris Stephens, Anna Genesio, Ida Genesio, Edwina Knetzger, Louella Ritter, Cleta Howell, Edna Emling, Katie Aleo, Maxine Reminger, Margaret Miller, Fred Huff Sr. Hilda Schneider, Rosemary Pullis and Kate Barco.

Nov. 1952

K. of C. Council # 1298 decided to purchase the building west of the school, owned by Mary Fritz. (116 W. Main) The first meeting was held there in March, 1953, after extensive renovation.

Dec. 1952

Every First Friday during the school year, the P. T. A. served breakfast to the children, usually cocoa and rolls.

June 3, 1952

Rev. Wilbert Iffert ordained at Belleville.

May 3, 1953

Catholic Organizations had two floats in the Centennial parade, one a replica of the old church and the other a replica of the present church.

June 21, 1953

The Schleper family had a dinner at the K. of C. hall, honoring Sister Illuminata, formerly Josephine Schleper, a member of the Order of the Precious Blood.

May 29, 1953

Mary Kay Crouch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Crouch, was recovering from painful injuries received at the Sacred Heart school picnic when a baseball bat slipped from the hands of another student, causing an injury which required several stitches.

The I. C. R. R. had sent a miniature engine and caboose to Du Quoin for the centennial parade and this was at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds picnic to take the students for rides.

Feb. 8, 1954

Miss Evelyn Poiter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Poiter, a promising young pianist was to be featured in a piano solo with accompaniment by the Du Quoin Township High School band in a concert.

April 21, 1954

Rev. Wilbert Iffert, assistant pastor, blessed the new shrine and statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the K. of C. hall. The shrine was made by Adolph Schneider.

May 25, 1954

The Du Quoin Evening Call published a picture from the school picnic parade. Three nuns, Sisters Georgine, Agrippine and Sister Superior Leopold were in the picture.

Aug. 20, 1954

English is to be permitted in certain church rites.

Oct. 1954

Thirteen men from Sacred Heart Church went to King's House on a retreat.

Oct. 30, 1954

Members of the C. Y. O. had made plans to attend mass in a body to mark the opening of Catholic Youth Week.



May 24, 1955

Rev. Wilbert Iffert, first fulltime assistant, transferred to Fairmont City, Illinois.

May 26, 1955

Rev. Vito Lopardo, a newly ordained priest, became the assistant to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Haffner.

Dec. 18, 1955

Mrs. Clem (Edythe) Schleper and Mrs. Adolph (Hilda) Schneider attended a special Diocesan meeting on the Confraternity on Christian Doctrine to learn how the C. D. C. should be organized. Bishop Zuroweste addressed the meeting and answered questions.

Nov. 26, 1955

The Herrin and Murphysboro C. Y. O. groups were entertained by the Du Quoin C. Y. O. at a Thanksgiving Day party. Dance music was provided by Bob Pair's Combo which consisted of Sally Woolsey, Jim Smith, Betty Glenn, Bill Lanum and Bob Pair. Entertainment was provided by Jean Rodman, who tap danced; Sue Haines, who presented a comedy reading and Judy Kern, who sang. The party was under the direction of the C. Y. O. sponsor, Rev. Vito Lopardo and chairpersons, Rose Vettese, Kaki Rodman, Jean Rodman and Ed Fiorino.

Mar. 16, 1956

Parochial School Championship of the Belleville Diocese was won by the Sacred Heart Owls. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Haffner was their sponsor and Chief of Police, Vallie West, was the coach.

Aug. 1956

This marked the birthday of the Sacred Heart program on W.D.Q.N. on Sundays from 11:45 to 12:00 noon.

Apr. 26, 1957

P. T. A. officers, President, Mrs. Joe Childs, Vice President, Mrs. James Wilbern, Secretary, Mrs. Jerome Roznowski and Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence McCrary, Jr.

May 12, 1957

Most Rev. Albert R. Zuroweste confirmed a class of 99. The class included Juanita, Bonita and Anita, triplet daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Higerson and Constance and Thomas, twins of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schneider, all of Vergennes. The Bishop believed it was the first time in diocesan history that triplets and twins had been confirmed in the same class.

Aug. 10, 1957

This day marked the 50th anniversary of Msgr. Haffner's ordination. A generally practiced rule of the Church is that a priesthood candidate must

be 24 years of age to be ordained. Pope Pius X granted a special dispensation to Rev. Haffner, qualifying him for Holy Orders a year early. Msgr. Haffner had built the rectory in 1924, made an addition to the school building in 1936 and rejuvenated the school and church. New pews were installed which would seat over 500 and marble altars were installed. The total cost was approximately \$50,000.

Sept. 29, 1957

A Golden Jubilee mass was offered by Monsignor Haffner, who had celebrated his 73rd birthday on July 12. Most Rev. Zuroweste delivered the Jubilee sermon. Prior to the mass, members of the clergy escorted Msgr. Haffner and the Bishop from the rectory to the sanctuary. Priests assisting were Revs. Michael Klimas, John Bergmann, Clement Dirlner, Henry Reis, Edward Borawski, Vel Reker, Melvin Haas and Vito Lopardo.

Oct. 1, 1957

Citizens of Du Quoin had an opportunity to congratulate Msgr. Haffner at a public gathering in the school yard. R. Paul Hibbs, D. T. H. S. principal was the guest speaker, while Edward Moody, D. T. H. S. athletic director, was the master of ceremonies. A social hour and refreshments followed the program.

Oct. 2, 1957

Jo Ann Sgroi, Miss Du Quoin of 1957 and a C. Y. O. member presented Msgr. Haffner with a \$25.00 gift and a \$10.00 gift was announced from the Lions Club. The Rotary Club and the Businessman's Association sent flowers which decorated the stage.

Oct. 3, 1957

A bit arm-weary, but \$2,100. richer, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. N. Haffner began his second half century as a priest.

Oct. 14, 1957

National Chapter of Catholic Women of the Du Quoin chapter observed it's 30th anniversary.

Nov. 7, 1957

4th Degree K. of C. celebrated it's 25th anniversary with a banquet and dance.

June 5, 1958

Five acres were donated to Sacred Heart by the United Electric Coal Co. for an addition to the cemetery. United Electric put a new road in from the highway, blacktopped part of the cemetery road, filled up the pond, straightened the ravine and did some landscaping. Carl Seifert was instrumental in obtaining the plot.



Apr. 27, 1958

K. of C. observed their Golden Jubilee. The Fourth Degree Assembly was founded Nov. 26, 1922 with the following charter members: Rev. Haffner, Ferdinand J. Zeni Sr., Frank J. Schleper Sr., Charles Cimossi, Anthony Miller, C. J. Eichorn, H. E. Sanford, C. J. Bates, Albert Thill, A. H. Schleper, Albert Rogers, Henry J. Shleper, William L. Thill, Harry Thill, Frank Koerner, M. D. Maguire, Clement J. Schleper, Charles A. Lehman, Henry F. Albers, G. A. Schleper, Michael Roznowski, Charles Sanford, Frank Geiger, P. J. Walsh, G. H. Knetzger and Frank Horn Sr.

The Golden Jubilee candidates from Du Quoin who were initiated March, 23, 1958 were: Joseph Wolfe, Luciano Lenzini, John Lenzini, James A Hines, Leonard J. Eisenhauer, Frank Impennacchio, Kenneth M. Schafer, Edward S. Fiorino, Bernard D. Martin, Joseph G. Parks, Dale E. Williams, Thomas Dale Rodely, Russell Ford, Bernard J. Schue, William John Rouse, Angelo P. Numi and Joe R. Majenski.

1958

Father Vito Lopardo granted a leave of absence due to illness.

Death of Pope Pius XII.

Dec. 9, 1958

Funeral services to be conducted Dec. 12, for Sister M. Georgine, who taught at the Sacred Heart school for five years.

Jan. 29, 1959

The Roman Catholic World prepared for the century's greatest religious event, the first Ecumenical Council since 1870. Only 20 had been held in the history of the Church.

Feb. 19, 1959

Rev. Lloyd Misho, who was the assistant after Rev. Lopardo took a leave of absence, requested that the annual baccalaureate services be held in the D. T. H. S. auditorium.

May 23, 1953

Rev. James Genisio, a native son of Du Quoin was ordained. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Genisio.

May 23, 1960

Most Rev. Zuroweste confirmed a class of 101 candidates, May 22, and then broke ground for the building of a parish center.

Sept. 1960

Miss Mary Agnes Childs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Childs, entered the convent at Ripa.

May 27, 1961

Rev. Harry J. Jerome, son of Frank and Pauline Jerome, was ordained.

July 19, 1961

Approximately 1000 persons were served at the annual chicken fry.

Aug. 22, 1962

Edith Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schneider, took part in investiture and profession ceremonies. Miss Schneider was born in Du Quoin. The family moved to Beckmeyer in 1955.

Nov. 16, 1962

Rev. Joseph Trapp, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart for the past three years, has been transferred to the Cathedral in Belleville. He was to be succeeded by Rev. John J. Ruggles.

Mar. 3, 1963

Six Girl Scouts from Sacred Heart Parish received the Marian award from Bishop Zuroweste. They were Peggy Childs, Sandra Crouch, Rosalie Fontana, Ellen Knetzger, Judith Martin and Mary Matlavish.

Oct. 17, 1963

New officers elected by the P.T.A. were President, Jennie Hines; Vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Eichhorn; Secretary, Mrs. Dominic Riggio; and Treasurer, Mrs. Johanna Emling.

Apr. 6, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Petry celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Petry is a sister of Rev. John Bergman.

Apr. 19, 1964

Hail damaged roof and chimney of Sacred Heart Church. It was repaired and an addition was made on the east side of sanctuary. New stations of the cross were installed, to replace those of 1927. The communion rail was lowered and carpeting was installed in the sanctuary and the center aisle. The entire church was painted and in places was decorated with gold leaf. Marble was placed around the sanctuary wall.

Sept. 11, 1964

Sacred Heart Church held an open house for public inspection of complete interior renovation, on Sept. 13. (Five days later it was reported that hundreds had visited the church and viewed the \$30,000 project.)

Nov. 16, 1964

Children of the 7th and 8th grades made items for an impressive Guatemala display in the K. of C. hall. Among the items were churches, an erupting volcano, a town market, sand maps, etc.



Dec. 23, 1964

A traditional Midnight Mass was the first mass in which Msgr. Haffner faced the congregation. Preceding the mass the boy's choir sang Christmas carols.

Feb. 15, 1965

Members of the Owls basketball team were guests of S.I.U. at a game between S.I.U. and Toledo. Coach Vallie West, Asst. Coach, Homer Stull and Rev. Ruggles accompanied players, Jim Emling, David Martin, Alan Porter, Ed Kern, Steve Sims, Clark Yehling, Tom Miller, Ken Vogel, Mike Pullis, Richard Roznowski and David Eisenhower. Fred Huff arranged the affair.

Feb. 24, 1965

Carol Martin, Kathryn Martin, James Cahill and Robert Wendling were named to the Dean's list at Southern Illinois University.

July 12, 1965

Msgr. Haffner celebrated his 81st birthday. He was given a color television by the congregation.

Feb. 17, 1966

The laws of fast and abstinence were simplified for Catholics.

May 26, 1966

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cyril Haffner, aged 81 years, died at 12:20 A.M. at Marshall Browning Hospital, Du Quoin, IL.

Aug. 26, 1966

Rev. Joseph A Duehren was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church. He was ordained in 1932. During World War II he enlisted in the Army Chaplain Corps. As a flying chaplain he served with the 101st Airborne and 401st Glider Division taking part in D-Day landings, the Battle of the Bulge and other war zones. One of the highlights of his service in the 101st Division was the attendance at Mass with Gen. McAuliffe, who was famous for his historic reply of "Nuts!" to a German surrender demand.

Aug. 1966

Miss Rose Zwilling, who kept house for Msgr. Haffner for so many years went to Olney, IL.

May 1968

A new organ was installed.

April 29, 1970

The church bells failed to ring at 6:00 A.M. due to the fact that lightning had struck and damaged the tower in the night. Bell ringing resumed at noon.

Feb. 28, 1971

The P. T. A. school board elected new members. They were John Alongi, Thomas Rhoades, George Pullis, Charles J. Martin, Robert Emling, Jack Licata, Jerome Roznowski, Charles Eichhorn and Clarence McCrary.

May 21, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schaffer observed their golden wedding anniversary.

1972

This year shows events and activities, some happy, some sad, which will bring many memories of the past.

Jan.--The deaths of Adolph Endres, Alva Mann and Anna Schleper. On the fifteenth, Miss Mary J. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, and Donald Asbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Asbury were united in marriage.

Feb.--Corporate Holy Communion for the K. of C. and C. D. A.

Mar.--N. C.C.W. terminated, the eight team basketball tournament began in the Parish Center.

Apr.--The school bazaar and ravioli dinner was held, a Day of Recollection for Catholic women was held at Scheller and a bake sale was given by the room mothers.

May--The C.Y.O. had a Dairy Queen social, Sister Mary Childs received the Outstanding Youth Educator award at Breese, 19 eighth graders graduated at a Saturday evening mass, ten acres were donated by United Coal Company to the Sacred Heart Cemetery. They also landscaped this additional plot. The land was surveyed by Jack Licata. For many years Adam Berg served as the grave digger at the cemetery.

June--The Catholic Daughters held a chicken and dumpling dinner at Haffner Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Miller observed their 25th anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nikrant observed their golden anniversary. Father Jerome visited the Vatican.

July--The C.D.A. held a picnic in the K. of C. Hall.

Aug.--Sister Leopold observed her diamond jubilee at Notre Dame Motherhouse in St. Louis and the K. of C. held a picnic at the clubhouse.

Sept.--Court Du Quoin of the C.D.A. hosted the Belleville Diocesan workshop.

Oct.--K. of C. held a Columbus Day dance, Mr. and Mrs. John Schneider Jr. observed their 25th anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mangin held a 50th anniversary observance at Haffner hall, the C.D.A. held a Halloween party and the P. T. A. held a rummage sale.

Nov.--The church directory began, Holy hour for all deceased of the parish was held on the 20th, 19 children received their First Holy Communion.



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Epplin observed their 25th wedding anniversary.

Dec.--Minnie Duehren, mother of Father Duhren, died in Columbus, Ohio, Father Bergmann said Mass in Father Duehren's absence, a Christmas party was held for the children of the parish with the C.Y.O. members furnishing cookies.

The time covered in the previous pages has been 115 years since the first mass was said in the Du Quoin area. Four more priests have a place in the history. Thomas Roznowski, son of Michael and Marie Roznowski, was ordained as Brother Simeon after attending St. Meinrad in Indiana. In 1976, he was ordained a priest. At present he is located at Blue Cloud Abbey at Marvin, South Dakota.

Angelo Joseph Lombardo was born Nov. 21, 1928 at St. Louis, MO, the son of Joseph and Josephine Giraffa Lombardo. He was ordained May 3, 1955 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville. He became the pastor of Sacred Heart on July 3, 1974. He became a Monsignor on Feb. 25, 1976 and was appointed a consultor Dec. 12, 1977. He was appointed Vicar General under Bishop Cosgrove on Nov. 14, 1977 and has continued as such under Bishop Wurm and Bishop Keleher.

Thomas Miller, son of Catherine and the late Frank Miller, was ordained May 28, 1977 and said his first mass at Sacred Heart the next day. He attended Sacred Heart Parochial School, Du Quoin Township High School, Southern Illinois University, Kindrick Seminary and St. Meinrads Seminary.

Father Steve James Humphrey, our present priest, was born Aug. 21, 1941, to Edward and Edith Bickhaus Humphrey of Quincy, Illinois. He attended school in Marion, IL, St. Henry's in Belleville, IL and St. Mary's of the Lake, Mundelein, IL. He was ordained on May 13, 1967. May he enjoy many years at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Du Quoin.

An interesting view of the church in past years may be seen in the annual account report as of Jan. 1, 1912.

Receipts:

Balance on hand March 1, 1911	260.86
Received by pew rent	1250.25
Sunday and holiday collections	550.00
Other collections or subscriptions	79.75
Cemetery	42.00
Donations, Altar Society	127.00
N.N.	300.00
Married Ladies	1100.00
School children	52.00
Sorrowful Mother statue	100.00
Knights of Columbus	300.00
Young Ladies Sodality	235.00
Rev. C. J. Eschmann	500.00
Steam heat subscription	1678.00
Tuition from school	567.10
Altar fund	1172.00

Borrowed	<u>1000.00</u>
Total	9313.96
Total indebtedness, Jan. 1, 1912	11,950.00

Expenditures:

Salary of Rector	291.00
" Substitute	30.00
" Sisters	595.00
" Organist	100.00
" Sacristan	100.00
Taxes	76.30
Interest	518.67
Fuel	113.13
Lights	78.00
Wine for Mass	13.80
Cathedraticum	92.11
Insurance	292.00
Plumbing and sewerage	653.33
Granitoid work	245.36
Steam heat plant	1839.15
Frescoers	1629.00
Freight on pews	27.59
Church goods and statuary	255.85
Candles	42.95
School supplies	26.49
Electric light fixtures	235.00
Repairs and improvements	1026.78
Sundries	<u>95.23</u>
Total Expenditures	8336.74
Balance on hand	<u>977.96</u>
Total	9313.96

For another insight into the past, an annual collection report of 1942 follows. Younger readers may not be aware that in the past a list of the members and their annual contribution was published. To save any embarrassment the amounts given and the 414 members names have been separated and "scrambled."



# Envelope Collection

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Du Quoin, Illinois



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 Allard, Mrs. Lindell . . .  
 Alongi, Mr. and Mrs. Guy . . .  
 Anheuser, Charles . . .  
 Anheuser, Mary . . .  
 Anheuser, Mrs. Dora . . .  
 Ash, Mr. J. J. . . .

**B**arnhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Antone . . .  
 Bechtloff, Mrs. Anna . . .  
 Bechtloff, Dorothy . . .  
 Bechtloff, George . . .  
 Bechtloff, Peter, Jr. . . .  
 Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Adam . . .  
 Berg, Anton . . .  
 Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank . . .  
 Berg, John A. . . .  
 Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Val . . .  
 Berg, George . . .  
 Bergmann, Mrs. Bernadine . . .  
 Bergmann, Mr. and Mrs. Philip . . .  
 Bertane, Miss Minnie . . .  
 Bertane, Miss Tillie . . .  
 Bianco, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . . .  
 Bigelow, Mrs. M. . . .  
 Bierk, Mr. A. J. . . .  
 Bradley, Miss Magdaline . . .  
 Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. . . .  
 Bourey, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew . . .  
 Bourey, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew J. . . .  
 Boros, Steve . . .  
 Bottomley, Mr. and Mrs. James . . .  
 Bruszer, Mrs. Matilda . . .  
 Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. William . . .  
 Buerkle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank . . .  
 Bujaki, Mike . . .

**C**ampbell, Mrs. Robert . . .  
 Campanella, Carmella . . .  
 Campanella, Joseph . . .  
 Catanzaro, Frank . . .  
 Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . . .  
 Cicardo, Louise . . .  
 Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. . . .  
 Commean, Mr. and Mrs. Walter . . .  
 Creath, Mrs. Lucille . . .  
 Crouch, Mrs. Nick . . .  
 Czayo, Miss Anna . . .  
 Czayo, George . . .  
 Czayo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank . . .  
 Czayo, Mr. John . . .

**D**aniel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles . . .  
 Daum, Mr. and Mrs. Edward . . .  
 Daum, Edward, Jr. . . .  
 Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . . .  
 Davison, Mr. and Mrs. William . . .  
 Dirler, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob . . .  
 Dirler, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester . . .  
 Dunmeyer, Mrs. Lester . . .

**E**ichhorn, Mrs. Josephine . . .  
 Eichhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. John . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Mrs. John, Sr. . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Miss Bertha . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Miss Tillie . . .  
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 Eisenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Karl . . .  
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Eisenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Miss Pauline . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Bernard . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Miss Rita . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Mrs. Edward, Sr. . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Herman . . .  
 Eisenhauer, Anna . . .  
 Emling, Mr. and Mrs. John L. . . .  
 Emling, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob, Jr. . . .  
 Emling, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . . .  
 Emling, Mrs. William . . .  
 Emling, Roger . . .  
 Emling, Ernest . . .  
 Endres, Mrs. Caroline . . .  
 Endres, Mrs. Joseph, Sr. . . .  
 Endres, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph . . .  
 Endres, Miss Aurelia . . .  
 Endres, Charles . . .  
 Endres, Mr. Joseph, Jr. . . .  
 Estes, Mrs. Marie . . .  
 Erhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . . .  
 Epplin, Mr. and Mrs. Herman . . .

**F**arrara, Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore . . .  
 Fiantaco, Mr. and Mrs. Pete, Jr. . . .  
 Fiorino, Mrs. Angela . . .  
 Fiorino, Mr. and Mrs. Sam . . .  
 Fiorino, Mr. and Mrs. John . . .  
 Fiorino, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . . .  
 Fred, Mrs. Ralph . . .  
 Frederick, Mr. James . . .  
 Fritz, Mrs. Mary . . .  
 Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. Julius . . .  
 Funk, Mr. and Mrs. George . . .

**G**ancarick, Mr. Joseph . . .  
 Gancarick, Mike . . .  
 Geiger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank . . .  
 Genesio, Mr. and Mrs. James . . .  
 Givens, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry . . .  
 Getzie, Mrs. Stephen . . .  
 Giordiano, Mrs. Joseph . . .  
 Giordiano, Miss Erma . . .  
 Giordiano, Miss Anna . . .  
 Gooch, Mrs. George . . .  
 Grafft, Miss Catherine . . .  
 Green, Mr. Albert . . .  
 Greenwell, Josephine . . .

**H**ammerle, Mrs. Lena . . .  
 Hamrock, Mr. George J. . . .  
 Hanlin, Mrs. James . . .  
 Harsy, Mr. Edward . . .  
 Harsey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry . . .  
 Heberer, Mrs. Oscar J. . . .  
 Helmer, Mr. and Mrs. John . . .  
 Helmer, Mr. and Mrs. Peter . . .  
 Hemmer, Miss Alma . . .  
 Hemmer, Antone . . .  
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 Hemmer, Mrs. Lillian . . .  
 Hemmer, Mr. and Mrs. William . . .  
 Hestand, Mrs. Stanley . . .  
 Hibbs, R. Paul . . .  
 Higgerson, Mrs. Harley . . .  
 Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. John . . .  
 Holecek, Mr. and Mrs. Frank . . .  
 Horn, Miss Lottie . . .  
 Horner, Mrs. Mary J. . . .  
 Hottes, Mr. and Mrs. Carl . . .



Howell, Mrs. John . . . . .  
 Huelsmann, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony  
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 Huelsmann, Helen  
 Huelsmann, Mr. Raymond  
 Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A.  
 140 Huggins, Mrs. Francis  
 Hutchinson, Miss Anna  
 Hutchinson, Miss Cecilia  
 Hutchinson, Fred . . . . .

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 Jaroski, Joseph P. . . . .  
 Jaroski, Mr. and Mrs. Steve  
 Jaroski, Miss Josephine  
 Jesecko, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph  
 Jasecko, Michael  
 150 Jasecko, Mr. George  
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 Jent, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin R.  
 Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. Frank  
 Jonas, Mathew . . . . .

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 Keiner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond  
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 Kelly, Mrs. Lottie  
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 Kern, Albert  
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 Kern, Miss Minnie  
 Kern, Mr. William  
 Kezely, Mr. and Mrs. Frank  
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 Kezely, Robert  
 Kezely, Miss Kathleen  
 Kinman, Miss Ruth  
 Kimmel, Mrs. Leslie  
 Knapp, Edward  
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 Knetzger, Leonard  
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 Koerber, Mr. Edward  
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 Kosma, Mr. and Mrs. John  
 Koss, Mr. and Mrs. Joe  
 Kowzan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew  
 Kowzan, Mr. and Mrs. John  
 Kowzan, Joseph  
 Krotchen, Mr. and Mrs. John  
 200 Krotchen, Miss Marguerite  
 Krotchen, Mr. and Mrs. George  
 Kunze, Mrs. A. C. F. . . . .

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 Lawreck, Miss Marguerite . . .

Lerda, Miss Ann . . . . .  
 Lipton, John . . . . .  
 Lipton, Mr. and Mrs. Martin . .  
 Lourance, Mr. and Mrs. Robert .

**M**ccollum, Mrs. Louise . . . . .  
 210 McDonald, Mrs. George  
 McDonald, George, Jr.  
 McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Paul  
 McLaughlin, Mrs. Anna  
 McLain, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford  
 McNulty, Mr. William  
 McSherry, Mr. Bernard  
 McSherry, Mr. James  
 Mann, Merrill  
 Mangin, Mr. and Mrs. Louis . .

220 Mann, Alva  
 Mann, Miss Agnes  
 Mann, Mrs. Arthur  
 Mann, Clarence  
 Mann, Miss Dorothy  
 Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer  
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 Mann, Miss Leola  
 Mann, Miss Louisa  
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 Manzo, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph  
 Marek, Mr. and Mrs. Loddie  
 Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Adam  
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 Martin, Mr. and Mrs. James  
 Martin, Mr. and Mrs. John C.  
 240 Martin, Mr. and Mrs. John J.  
 Martin, Mrs. Lucy  
 Maynovich, Mr. and Mrs. George  
 Muehlbacker, Miss Frances  
 Mesner, Mr. and Mrs. John  
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony  
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Emil  
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 Maksin, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen .

**N**eira, Miss Lena . . . . .  
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 Numi, Mr. and Mrs. John . . . .

**O**estreicher, Joseph, Sr. . . . .  
 260 Oestreicher, Joseph, Jr.  
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**P**arks, Miss Catherine . . . . .  
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 Petry, Mr. and Mrs. James  
 270 Poe, Mrs. Josephine  
 Polley, Mrs. William  
 Poiter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward . .

Polter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank . . .  
 Polter, Mr. and Mrs. William . . .  
 Pundsack, Mr. and Mrs. Ben . . .  
 Pundsack, Mr. and Mrs. August . . .  
 Pundsack, Mrs. Kate . . .  
 Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. Warden . . .

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 280 Quigley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert . . .

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 Rathke, Mrs. Anna . . . . .  
 Reid, Mrs. Elizabeth . . . . .  
 Reither, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. . . .  
 Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest . . . .  
 Reminger, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest . .  
 Reminger, Mr. John, Jr. . . . .  
 Reminger, Mr. and Mrs. John, Sr. .  
 Reminger, Orland . . . . .  
 290 Richey, Mrs. Christina . . . . .  
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 Riggio, Mr. and Mrs. Steve . . . .  
 Riggio, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent T. . .  
 Riggio, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. . .  
 Ritter, Mr. Karl D. . . . .  
 Ritter, Sylvester C. . . . .  
 Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. . . .  
 Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. John F. . . .  
 Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Earl . . . .  
 300 Robinson, Mr. Nathan . . . . .  
 Rodman, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene . . . .  
 Rodman, Mrs. John A. . . . .  
 Rogers, Charles, Jr. . . . .  
 Rogers, John A. . . . .  
 Rogers, Miss Kathryn . . . . .  
 Rolando, Mrs. George . . . . .  
 Rolando, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester . .  
 Romeo, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph . . . .  
 Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Henry . . . .  
 310 Rosenberger, Mrs. Joseph . . . . .  
 Roznowski, Mr. and Mrs. Frank . . .  
 Roznowski, Mr. and Mrs. George . .  
 Roznowski, Mr. and Mrs. Mike . . .  
 Roznowski, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, Jr. .  
 Roznowski, Mr. Norbert . . . . .

**S**anford, Miss Anna . . . . .  
 Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles . . .  
 Sanford, Eugene . . . . .  
 Sanford, Miss Mary Ann . . . . .  
 320 Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Harry . . . .  
 Savant, Mr. and Mrs. Albert . . . .  
 Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Nick . . . .  
 Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. . .  
 Schleper, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony . . .  
 Schleper, Miss Anna . . . . .  
 Schleper, Mr. and Mrs. Clement J. . .  
 Schleper, Mr. Frank J., Sr. . . . .  
 Schleper, Miss Beatrice . . . . .  
 Schleper, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey . . .  
 330 Schleper, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. . . .  
 Schmitt, Mr. and Mrs. John . . . . .  
 Schimpf, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil . . . .  
 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph E. . .  
 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. . .  
 Schneider, Mr. August . . . . .  
 Schneider, Mrs. Elizabeth . . . . .  
 Schneider, Mr. C. J. . . . .  
 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. . . . .  
 Schneider, Miss Cleopha . . . . .  
 340 Schneider, Miss Ida Louise . . . . .  
 Schneider, Mr. Eugene . . . . .  
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 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Robert . . .  
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 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Ben . . . .  
 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Charles . . .  
 350 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Emery J. . .  
 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. John . . . .  
 Schneider, Miss Lorene . . . . .  
 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Leo . . . . .  
 Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar J. . . .  
 Schneider, Miss Lucile . . . . .  
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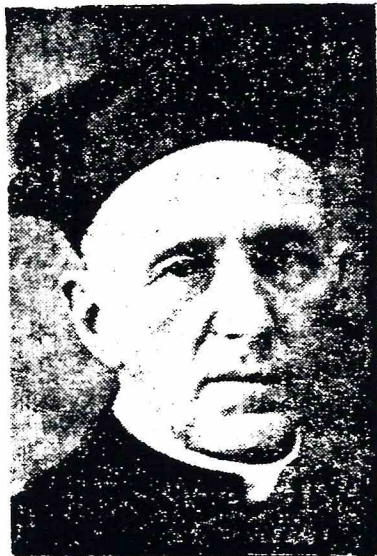
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TO THE RELATIVES OF FATHER ESCHMANN  
OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY

Rev. J. A. Duehren, Assistant,  
Mr. Peter Rau, Trustee,  
Mr. Matt. Crowe, Trustee,  
The Congregation.



This Memorial is being presented to you as a token of appreciation for the unceasing labors and willing sacrifices performed for the people of SS. Peter and Paul's Church by the late Rev. Father Charles J. Eschmann.

It should also serve as a token of appreciation from those in charge of the congregation as a whole, and in particular to the Reverend Assistant; the two trustees and the committee in charge of the funeral arrangements; to the women of the parish, who served the lunch for the visiting priests and relatives; to the men of the parish, who stood as guards of honor at the wake; to the young men who arranged the decorations in the church; to all the friends who served in any way to make the funeral of their deceased pastor a fitting one.



JESUS!

MARY!

JOSEPH!

PRAYER!

O God, who amongst apostolic priests has adorned Thy servant CHARLES with the sacerdotal dignity, grant, we beseech Thee, that he may also be associated with them in everlasting fellowship.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## History of Reverend C. J. Eschmann

Father Charles J. Eschmann was born in Belleville, June 11, 1862, and attended St. Peter's school there. His classical studies were made at the Franciscan College in Teutopolis and his philosophical course was taken at St. Francis De Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bishop Baltus of Alton then sent the young seminarian to the University of Innsbruck, Austria, where he completed his theological course and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on April 7, 1889, by the Most Rev. Simon Aichner, Bishop of Brixen.

Returning to the United States in the following summer, Father Eschmann first served for one month at Fayetteville as substitute for the Rev. C. Hoffmans. On October 3, 1889, he was appointed pastor of St. Philip Neri's Church, Mt. Vernon, and attended Okawville and McLeansboro from there as missions. This appointment he held until November 4, 1891, when he was named pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Cairo.

### Reputation Established at Cairo

Father Eschmann went to Cairo on the feast of his Patron Saint, November 4, 1891, to take charge of St. Patrick's Church. This parish was in dire need of a new church and the present rock church was built under the direction of the new pastor. The manner in which he guided this construction, the knowledge of the different trades he possessed, and his shrewdness in handling the finances, established his reputation as a builder. In 1902, the year that he left Cairo, he was called upon by the hospital staff to build two new wings to St. Mary's hospital. His splendid work was remembered eighteen years later when St. Mary's hospital again intended to build. So in 1920 Father Eschmann undertook to superintend the building of the new wing. This he so ably accomplished with the late Dr. W. F. Grinstead, who was head of the hospital staff at that time, that a stained glass window was erected in the south entrance of the new wing as a lasting memorial to them.

The people of Cairo always had a high regard for Father Eschmann and to give expression of their sorrow upon learning of the death of their esteemed friend, the bell of St. Patrick's Church was tolled for fifteen minutes.

### Other Pastorates

Leaving his monuments in Cairo, Father Eschmann spent nine years as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Prairie du Rocher, attending also to the mission of St. Leo's, Modoc. On February 28, 1911, he was transferred to Sacred Heart Church, DuQuoin.

After eleven successful years as pastor at the DuQuoin Church, the Most Rev. Henry Althoff named Father Eschmann pastor of St. Mary's Church, Centralia, where the parish was in the midst of building a hospital. Here the competency of the builder and financier was put to an acid test. The work was successfully completed, and, when Father Eschmann left twenty-eight months after his appointment to take up his new duties in Waterloo, the parish and hospital were on a firm financial basis.

### PASTORATE AT SS. PETER AND PAUL'S

On August 5th, 1924, Father Eschmann undertook his new duties at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Waterloo. After having made himself thoroughly acquainted with the conditions of the Church property, he called a meeting with his trustees and together with them made plans to take care of the immediate needs of the parish. On his numerous tours of inspection of the buildings he found many things wanting in the church. This he undertook to repair first. Nine new pews were added to the church to accommodate the people. In the sacristy there was a real necessity to provide dust-proof cabinets for the vestments. At the same time the chapel was erected in the convent and also needed a vestment case. These two needs were promptly filled. The organ in the church was of an old style water-driven type and needed a new motor. A new motor was installed, but after a short time the organ had to be replaced. The present pipe-organ was gotten under his pastorate. There were other repairs needed in the church which he took care of as time passed. The sanctuary was rebuilt, a new confessional was installed, and the whole



church artistically frescoed. A new roof was put on the church and cement sidewalks made all around the church property.

The rectory was also in dire need of repairs. The windows were all weather-stripped and the interior was remodeled to some extent and the walls received a new coat of paint. The heating system also broke down and so Father Eschmann had an oil burner installed. Another oil burner was installed in the convent and school. The last of the improvements was the sanitary plumbing system put in the school for the convenience of the school children.

Whatever Father Eschmann built, he built well. He had studied the arts and sciences, he had made special studies of building materials, and he knew how to build economically. He could read blueprints and checked up on all details so that the parish would not have to suffer for mistakes later on.

Being blest with extraordinary gifts of mind and also in the temporal things he used them all for the greater honor of God and the church. He was constantly concerned with the spiritual and temporal welfare of those under his charge. This concern made him fearless and when he had to rebuke the parish or individuals, he did it because it was his duty as a representative of God and pastor of souls.

One of the chief concerns of Father Eschmann was for the school children. He was loved and respected by all. The children knew that in their pastor they had a real and sincere friend. They were not afraid to come to him with their little troubles and difficulties. Father Eschmann, although possessed with such a great intellect, could place himself at the level of those children and discuss their affairs with them so that they could comprehend his excellent advice. How much the children loved him could be seen on the day when Father Eschmann lay in state at the rectory and all the children walked single file past the coffin to take a last look at their departed pastor and friend. Many a child burst into tears when they realized that their trusted friend could not speak to them anymore.

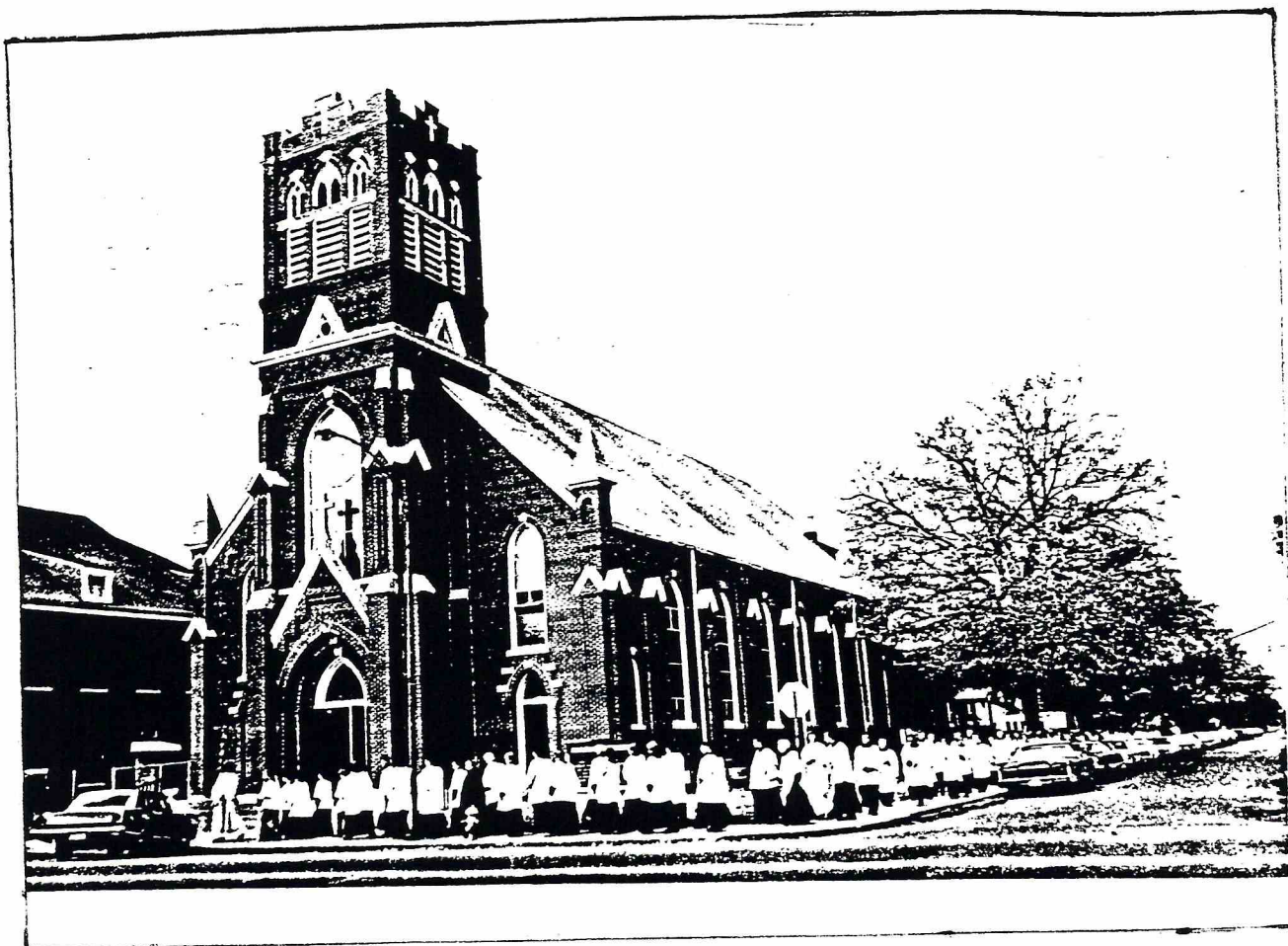
Not only the children, but the whole congregation mourns his loss. As time will pass the people will discover the fine traits that their pastor possessed. He was generous of nature and God supplied him with the necessary means so that he could satisfy it. In all his charities he always had the principle to do the work quietly and not to brag about it, or publish it. We learned of one of his great charities when Monsgr. Cahill preached the funeral sermon in which he publicly stated that all he has, his education, his priesthood, he owes to the generosity of Father Eschmann. As in this case and so many others Father Eschmann did not care what people said and did against him, because he knew that he was not working for an earthly reward, but for a heavenly crown. And so, if God sees fit, the goodness of this priest will become more and more apparent to those who knew him.

#### The Last Rites

Father Eschmann, who had been a priest of God for forty-eight years, died at the Rectory of SS. Peter and Paul's, May 25, 1937, at approximately one o'clock in the afternoon. He received the last rites of the church administered by his assistant. The funeral Mass took place on Friday, May 28, 1937, at 9:30 A. M. The priests recited the Office of the Dead and the Priest's Choir sang the mass. The officers of the Mass were: His Excellency, the Most Rev. Henry Althoff, celebrant; Rt. Rev. C. Gilmartin, presbyter assistant; Rev. J. Immethun and Rev. C. Frankovich, deacon and subdeacon of the Mass; Rev. B. Moorman and Rev. C. Hellrung, deacons of honor; Very Rev. M. J. Gruenewald, Rev. S. Freund, and Rev. J. A. Duehren, masters of ceremonies. Monsgr. Cahill delivered the funeral oration and His Excellency also paid a splendid tribute to the deceased priest of his diocese.

After the services at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, the funeral procession moved on to Green Mount Cemetery at Belleville, Illinois, where the last prayers were recited by Father F. Kaiser, pastor of St. Luke's Church, at Belleville.

In your charity remember Father Eschmann in your prayers.



The date of this picture has not been determined, possibly it was taken in the 1950's.

Two reminders of the past history of this church will be found today in Alongi's--two of the old lights.

Our efforts to locate the three drawer chest, or 'sideboard', on which the first mass was said, were not successful. Perhaps other historians will do this. We have only skimmed the surface of this church's history. Our hope is that others will attempt to complete the history of Sacred Heart Church of Du Quoin.









